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THE COLORED AMERICAN

He lives in a Republic, where civilization predominates. He is without protection and yet he is called upon to protect his government when it is invaded by a foreign foe. He is never found wanting in patriotism, neither does he lack bravery when in a conflict with the enemy. Why is he then opposed? Why are his rights disregarded and he oppressed? Ever since his emancipation he has been used by a party which has made declarations and promises. He has been in political contests and used by factions both of which have been often the spoils of office. This humble citizen has lost his political usefulness and today he is a nonentity in the great body politic. In the South he has been disfranchised and declared politically the inferior to those who have, by force of arms and conspiracy have declared that the sovereignty of their States must be maintained by the elimination of the colored American from the body politic. What next? He can hope for nothing from that race which has asserted that the white man must rule regardless of justice and fair play. Today this citizen is humble. Today he stretches out his sable arms and appeals to a Republic in which anarchy and bloodshed reign supreme. This colored American stands today the anaglyph for mobs. He patiently waits and allows himself to remain not only the anaglyph, but a slave. The brutal instinct of the oppression belches forth like a volcano and in a moment his carcass is obliged and the scene is a spectacle to appease the ravenous appetite of our boasted American Christian civilization. Administrative powers are fast considering the propriety of eliminating the colored American from public office. Acts show that anything is good enough for him. Places that he heretofore filled are being taken from him and the former enemies of the republic and rebel sympathizers are being substituted.

What, then, is the colored Americans' future hope? The representatives of this despised citizenship are silent. They dare not move; they dare not speak, but time alone must solve the destiny of the colored American.

NEW PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The name of Cornelius W. McDougald has been announced by Judge Whitman, recently elected District Attorney for the county of New York, as one of the assistants under the fusion administration for four years beginning January 1st. Mr. McDougald is a young colored lawyer who has very rapidly come to the front in New York during the last few years. His selection by Judge Whitman was secured through the influence of Hon. Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue, and other influences of that character.

The Bee has been saying all along that Mr. W. V. Cox was making good as a member of the Board of Education. To the surprise of the Bee, a meeting of colored ministers, Dr. S. L. Corrothers and Rev. A. C. Garner, especially have indorsed Mr. Cox for Commissioner. The Bee wants to inform them two ministers especially that Mr. Cox is the self same individual now

as he was at the time these two men were abusing him on the school question. The Bee understands it. These men believe that Messrs. Rudolph and Cox will be appointed District Commissioners and they had better get in the band wagon. If the President has not made up his mind to appoint Messrs. Cox and Rudolph all the colored ministers in town could not change the situation in the least. If the President doesn't intend to appoint Captain James F. Oyster and District Assessor Richardson, no better men could be selected than Messrs. Cox and Rudolph. Regardless of politics the President intends to appoint two men. So far as The Bee is concerned it would as leave to see two simon pure Democrats appointed as it would two hypocritical District Republicans. There are some white Republicans in this city more hypocritical than many Democrats. The colored citizens must get into their heads to support principles and men who are the representatives of good principles regardless of good politics. These ministers are called the band wagon brigade, or crowd eaters.

IS IT A CONSPIRACY?

The alleged rebellion at Howard University is all a myth. The widely circulated report is the work of conspirators. The colored people of this country will wake up one of these fine mornings and be minus of Howard University. It is asserted upon the highest authority that there is no disagreement among the students of Howard University—is it a conspiracy? Are there any enemies within? Why should such a report be circulated? It is the conception of a base brain! In another column there will be seen an article given the full particulars of the alleged rebellion at this institution.

RUSSIA AND AMERICA

A number of prominent Americans, some in high office, cabled the Russian premier the other day bespeaking "a fair trial, open and public, in accordance with the time-honored principles of justice in all nations," for two distinguished Russian prisoners on the eve of being brought to the bar in that country on political charges. It was a worthy appeal, although unusual, and it is to be hoped will have weight with the Russian authorities.

The same day on which this news appeared the wires carried the story of the burning at the stake in Georgia of a Negro man who, in a pistol duel, had shot a white man. The white man was not killed, but a mob assembled, prepared the Negro for torture and did torture him by fire to death. It was explained, in part justification of the mob's work, that the Negro, in his office of preacher to his race in that neighborhood, had been incendiary in his utterances, and the cause of bad feeling between blacks and whites.

This story will not reach the Russian premier. It will not carry that far. It has aroused only a languid interest here at home. But let us suppose M. Stolypin informed of the facts and then inditing the following reply to his American correspondents:

"Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your cable expressing solicitude for two Russian prisoners soon to go on trial on political charges. You ask that the proceedings be conducted in accordance with the time-honored principles of justice in all nations. Scarcely had I finished reading your favor than I was informed that a human being in one of the oldest states of your Union—Georgia, I think, is the name—had but the day before been burned at the stake in public by a mob of infuriated citizens. Are you citizens of that commonwealth? Or, if not, have you any influence with the authorities there? In either case may I respectfully ask you to exert yourselves in behalf of law and order in Georgia? Civilization, like charity, begins at home. Our conditions in Russia have been disturbed for some time. In America you have enjoyed over a hundred years of popular rule. Your body politic is thoroughly organized. You have courts, and officers to enforce their writs. What, therefore, explains such a horror as comes to me from your shores? We have some severe forms of punishment in Russia,

but nothing approaching torture and death by fire at the stake, and I beg of you, in the name of justice and humanity, to bring your country in this matter within the pale of civilization!"

What would be the reply to Mr. Stolypin? A promise to put our own house in order before calling attention again to the condition of his?—Exchange.

THE NEW COMMISSIONERS

The President might as well appoint Ben Tillman and Manly of Mississippi as to appoint Merriam and his Democratic companion from the South. Why does the President insist on appointing men to office who have been and are now inimical to the best interest of colored Americans.

The Department of Justice will commit a great blunder if it doesn't reappoint Mr. D. W. Baker United States Attorney. There has never been a man in the office who has done any more than Mr. Baker.

December 21, 1909.

To the Teachers and Officers of Normal School No. 2, M Street High School, Armstrong Manual Training School, and the Elementary Schools of the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Divisions.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In appreciation of the loyal and efficient service of the great body of teachers and officers in the colored public schools of the District of Columbia, I beg to extend to every one of you my hearty good wishes for the merriest possible Christmas and the most joyous of New Years. Many and rich as are the traditions of high service in our schools through a long and notable past, I believe that at no moment of their history has their ministry to the great range of human needs and aspirations among the children of our community been more effective than today. Never has that ministry been more appreciated by such critics as are at once intelligent, informed, worthy and sincere by the great wholesome masses of the people. Right heartily may you, then, enjoy a festival so well deserved.

Faithfully yours,

Roland S. Bruce,
Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools, D. C.

MASONIC HALL BUILDING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The following officers for the coming year were elected by the stockholders of the Masonic Hall Building Association at a meeting held Friday night: President, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Royal Patron Henry Coleman; vice president, Past Junior Grand Warden George M. Webster; financial secretary, Past senior Grand N. E. Wetherless; treasurer, Eugene Brooks; recording secretary, Past Master John T. Turner; auditor, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge William H. Myers; directors, Lewis H. Wayne, Past Grand Masters William Warfield, M. D.; W. H. J. Malvin, Lemuel C. Bailey, William H. Grimshaw, Past Grand Royal Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Marshall, Nathaniel Robinson, William M. George Peter Walker.

This association is in a most flourishing condition, owning real estate valued over \$40,000.00 and no debts. A dividend amounting to \$1,447.70 was declared at this meeting, being 8 per cent. on the capital stock. Dividends the past three years have been declared and paid by the directors amounting to \$3,247.70. A very good showing indeed.

Master Ray Waller of Brooklyn, New York, have been visiting the city the past week. This young gentleman was the guest of Mrs. Annie M. Johnson, 1528 15th St., N. W.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Served to the Little Girls of the Home for Friendless

On Christmas day the poor little girls of the Home for Friendless Girls were given a handsome Christmas dinner, through the kindness and thoughtfulness of Mrs. Ralph W. Tyler, Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Mrs. Anna L. Chestnut, Mrs. A. H. Glenn, Miss Louise Wormley and Mrs. Florence Walton. The little girls were conveyed to Martin's cafe where a bounteous feast was served, it being a typical Christmas dinner. In addition

to providing the dinner, these ladies also sent two tons of coal to the Home, and have a small balance in cash left which will be used to provide needed things for the poor girls of the Home. While the dinner was in progress Prof. and Mrs. E. C. Williams, Mrs. Arthur S. Gray and Mr. Jay Clifford came in the dining hall and assisted in serving the little ones.

Dr. James E. Shepard, who left this city a few weeks ago quite ill from over-work, is a great deal better.

Rev. E. W. Williams, of Abbeville, S. C., arrived in the city from New York City last Friday to spend Christmas and the holidays with his daughter.

Dr. Geo. H. and Mrs. Ida G. Richardson, of 309 Eleventh street, northeast announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Virginia Holland, to Mr. Grayson McGuire, December 14th, 1909, at Rockville, Md. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire at home after December 31, at 309 11th street, N. E.

Mrs. Lydia Powell Watson, wife of Mr. Samuel W. Watson of the Auditor's Office for the Treasury Department, has been called to Virginia to attend the funeral of her mother, who died Wednesday.

SOMETHING DOING AT BETH-EL LITERARY

January 4, "Pictures on the Wall." Solo.—Mrs. Jessie King Neill. Jan. 11, "Relation of the New Negro to the New South"—Hon. J. Thomas Newsome, of Newport News.

Solo.—Miss Eva V. Johnson, Jan. 18, "The Peculiarities of Negro Leadership"—Hon. J. Douglas Wetmore, of New York.

Musical program.

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A COLORED THEATRE TO BE ERECTED ON T STREET BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH STREETS, N. W.

This magnificent theatre will cost very near \$100,000, \$75,000 is subscribed leaving \$25,000 of uncollected stock. Building operations will commence before January 15th, 1910, plans and specifications are in course of preparation and will shortly appear in this paper. A. C. Faulkner, Manager of Daly's Theatre, Baltimore, Md., is the man who has succeeded in raising this amount of money to launch this enterprise.

THE NEGRO PEOPLE

THE CENSUS OF 1910 AND No people should be more interested in the success of the U. S. Census to be taken April 15, 1910 than the colored people. What is wanted is the truth about the condition and progress of the Negro people. Nine persons out of ten in speaking and writing about the Negro's draw on their imaginations or their prejudices.

The 1900 Census is probably the best source of information in the world concerning the Negro race in the United States. Let us see to it that the next census gives us more knowledge and more accurate information than ever before.

How is this to be done? Uncle Sam spends millions of dollars and years of labor on the work. It is up to the colored people to see that every man, woman and child is counted; that every dollar's worth of property is recorded, no more and no less; that every child that is in or out of school shall be enumerated.

Uncle Sam is the teacher trying to find out how his children are getting along. If you do not report accurately, you cannot expect the teacher to praise you for your merits or to correct you when you are not doing as well as it is possible for you to do.

Director Durand of the Census

Bureau requests the active cooperation of the colored ministers, teachers, journalists and other leaders of the race in the important work of instructing the colored people in the methods of the enumeration to be taken beginning April 15, 1910.

In response to the request of colored people and their friends that special consideration be given to the census of the Negro people, the Director has secured the services of Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones of Hampton Institute, Virginia for this work.

Dr. Jones has for a number of years been studying Southern problems. He is recognized by the colored people as a sympathetic student of their problems. His educational equipment was obtained in the Universities of the South and the North.

In 1900 he won the prize fellowship of \$650 in sociology at Columbia University and later obtained his Ph. D. degree at the same institution. Since that time Dr. Jones has been engaged in research work among the colored people of the South.

The accuracy of the Census depends upon the interest and intelligence of the supervisors, and enumerators who are to ask the questions and also upon the intelligent cooperation of those who are to reply. Dr. Jones will endeavor to use both of these elements.

The first task, is to awaken the interest of the Negro people in the census. The second is to acquaint them with the difficulties of the inquiries and prepare them to give correct answers. In this work, the Press, the Church and school are the most effective agencies.

From time to time useful information will be used to the public. It is hoped that the Census Bureau will receive the hearty cooperation of all colored people that the next census may be a true picture of the colored people of the United States.

CAPT. LYONS

Capt. J. W. Lyons, formerly register of the treasury, who has been in this city spending the holidays with his family returned to Covington, Ga., Tuesday evening. Capt. Lyons is looking well and has great hopes for the future of his people.

THROUGH COMBAT TO VICTORY

Strong, Vigorous Character Arrives at Fruition by Wrestling With and Overcoming Obstacles.

It is the wrestling with obstacles and the overcoming of difficulties that have made man a giant of achievement. If we could analyze a strong, vigorous character, we should find it made up largely of the conquering habit, the habit of overcoming, says Orison Swett Marden in Success.

On the other hand, if we should analyze a weak character we should find just the reverse—the habit of failure, the habit of letting things slide, of yielding instead of conquering—the lack of courage, of persistency or grit.

There is the same difference between a self-made young man, who has fought his way up to his own loaf, and the pampered youth who has never been confronted by great responsibilities that would exercise his powers and call out his reserves, that there is between the stalwart oak which has struggled for its existence with a thousand storms, with all the extremities of the elements, and the hothouse plant which has never been allowed to feel a breath of frost or a rough wind.

Every bit of the oak's fiber has registered a victory, so that when the timber is called upon to wrestle with storms and the fury of the sea, it says, "I am no stranger to storms; I have met them many a time before. I feel within me stamina and fiber to resist the fury of any sea, because I have fought and overcome its equal a thousand times."

The hothouse plant succumbs to the first adverse wind.

AS THEY DO IT IN ENGLAND

Family Inherited Postmastership, Though the Department Officials Didn't Know It.

Forty years before, as quite a boy, Jones had left a little town in Kent. Now, on the first long vacation he ever had had since, he was visiting his childhood scenes. He had remembered that the postmaster's name was Pengeley, and he had remembered, too, that he was a kindly old man. There wasn't the slightest probability, he thought, that the postmaster was still alive, but his acquaintance with the former incumbent might smooth things a little with the new one, so that the whereabouts of people to whom he had been directed would be made known.

"What's become of Mr. Pengeley?" he asked, interrupting for a moment his majesty's letter assorter.

"I am Mr. Pengeley."

"Perhaps you're his son."

"Yes, my father's name was Pengeley, too," drawled the Englishman.

"I mean the postmaster."

"So do I."

"Was your father postmaster 40 years ago?"

"My word, no! That was my grandfather. You see, our names are all alike, and the post-office department doesn't know but that the first one is alive. We inherit this job, don't you know. And my wife's just presented me with a son. There was no haggling over his name."

Music, Birds and Snakes.

Exceptional love of music would account to the credit of any other living creature as indicative of refined taste, but in the malignant snake even this artistic attribute is a mark of derangement. Our own Quakers, for example, take up and indorse the diatribe of Epiphanius against the flute-players. "Observe the figure that the player makes in blowing. Does he not bend himself up and down to the right hand and the left, like unto the serpent? These forms bath the Devil used to manifest his blasphemy against things heavenly, to destroy things upon earth, to encompass the world, capturing right and left such as lend an ear to his seductions." And so on. But not a word do we hear in condemnation of the unregenerate birds that carol heedlessly even while the minister is painting the horrors of an unmentionable place.—North American Review.

Cheering Her Up.

Islington, which is no longer rural, was once so esteemed by medical men that they sent their patients there after severe illness. Many also went there in the last stages in the forlorn hope that the invigorating air might restore them to health. A story related by Dr. Abernethy turns on the latter class of visitors. One of his patients engaged some rooms in Islington, and casually remarked to the landlady that the banisters on the staircase were very much broken. "Lor' bless you, mam," said the landlady, "it's no use to mend them, for they always get broken when the undertaker's men bring the coffins downstairs."—London Chronicle.

Intelligence in the Kitchen.

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